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1. The 1st Technical Air Battalion is garrisoned in the permanent barracks of Cottbus airfield, located at Burger Chaussee. The Post Office Box Number is A/X - D. The battalion has a strength of about 300 men, and is subdivided into a staff, a motor vehicle company, an airfield company and a guard company. The unit uses Soviet infantry weapons. Among its 64 vehicles are 28 trucks, 8 command cars, 4 tank trucks, 2 signal trucks and one radar truck. The officer corps includes Major Balzer (commanding officer), 1st Lieutenant Bergmann (political and cultural matters), Captain Urban (chief of staff), 1st Lieutenant Dietrich (transportation), 1st Lieutenant Schwertfeger (Party affairs), and 1st Lieutenant Oehme (supply). The motor vehicle company is commanded by Lieutenant Zahel, and the guard company by Lieutenant Schenk.
2. The 3rd Technical Air Battalion is stationed in the former Husarenkaserne (cavalry barracks) at Kaethe-Kollwitz-Strasse in Bautzen. It has Post Office Box Number 500 A. Its total strength of about 380 men is distributed as follows: staff - 100 men; motor vehicle company - 80 men; airfield company - 80 men; guard company - 120 men. The battalion is equipped with about 30 trucks, 8 command cars, 4 tank trucks and a number of other vehicles, among them a radar truck. The troops carry small arms of Soviet origin. Training is limited to one day each week, with the rest of the time devoted to airfield maintenance. The commanding officer of the battalion is Major Paul Zeeck; the motor vehicle company is commanded by Lieutenant Mueller, the airfield company by Lieutenant Nikolaus Gross, and the guard company by 1st Lieutenant Wolther. Other battalion officers are 1st Lieutenant Bernau (assistant to commanding officer), 1st Lieutenant Freyer (political and cultural matters), 1st Lieutenant Wimmer (Party affairs), 1st Lieutenant Guenther (supply), 1st Lieutenant Hoefer (finance), Lieutenant Bausch (chief of staff), Captain Liebscher (transportation), and Captain Junghans (assignment unknown).

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